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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Yes, Sir; they are expected to wear clean dress, and steps are being taken by the Superintendent to supply the necessary material."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" Are these uniforms to be made out of handloom cloth or from khadi? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Khadi, Sir."

Bench Court in Cuddalore, South Arcot.

* 288 *Q.*—SRI A. GOVINDASAMI NAYAGAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state—

(*a*) the reasons for abolishing the Bench Court in Cuddalore Old Town, South Arcot; and

(*b*) whether the Government have received any mahazar from the rate-payers of Cuddalore for re-establishing the Bench Court; and if so, what action has been taken by the Government?

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" (*a*) The District Magistrate (Judicial), South Arcot, reported that there was not enough work to justify the continuance of this Bench Court and that the working of the Bench Court was also not satisfactory. The Bench Court was therefore abolished as recommended by the High Court.

" (*b*) Yes. In view of the report of the District Magistrate (Judicial), South Arcot, no action was considered necessary on the representation."

Alleged disappearance of a child in Kasturba Memorial Hospital, Madras.

* 289 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether one Maragatham was admitted as in-patient in Kasturba Memorial Hospital, Madras, in August 1952;

(*b*) whether her two-year-old child was admitted in the Children's ward;

(*c*) whether the child was found subsequently missing and the fact hidden from the mother for more than two months; and

(*d*) whether any enquiry, police or departmental, was instituted and, if so, the result?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) *to* (*d*) The mother of the child referred to was admitted for treatment in the Government Kasturba Gandhi Hospital for Women and Children, Madras. As there was no one to look after the child, it was taken into the children's surgical ward on 16th June 1952 though no treatment was required for it. On the evening of 18th June 1952, the nurse pupil on duty discovered that the child was missing while she was distributing diet. She made a search for the child and not finding it, reported the matter